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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8974
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
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SUBJ: BENGUELA RAILROAD REOPENING PLANS

REF: KINSHASA 5772 (NOTAL)

1. SODIMIZA, ZAIRE'S JAPANESE-OWNED COPPER MINING CONCERN AND FORMER CLIENT OF THE BENGUELA RAILROAD, HAS TOLD US IT RECEIVED TELEX JULY 30 FROM TANGANYIKA CONCESSIONS (TC) CONCERNING PLANS FOR EXTENSION OF RAIL SERVICE INTO ZAIRE FROM ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO TELEX, TC PLANS TO OPEN RAILROAD TO INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC NOT LATER THAN AUG 15; BRIDGE REPAIRS ARE EXPECTED TO FINISH BY AUG 9. TELEX CONTINUES, SAYING THAT LINE IS INTERFERED WITH ALMOST DAILY BY UNITA FORCES BUT THUS FAR HAS SUFFERED ONLY SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE. TC CONCLUDES THAT IT IS "REASONABLY CONFIDENT" OF BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN SERVICE ON THE BENGUELA RAILROAD.

2. COMMENT: PREVIOUSLY, REOPENING OF THE BENGUELA RAILROAD HAD BEEN PLANNED BEFORE THE END OF JULY (SEE REFTTEL). DELAYS IN
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EFFECTING REPAIRS ON THE DILOLO BRIDGE (THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS

OF MINE FIELDS ON THE ANGOLAN SIDE) HAVE PROBABLY CAUSED
THE POSTPONEMENT.
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